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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - MEXICAN PRESS REPORT ON COMING
BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

1. JUNE 2 MEXICO CITY "NOVEDADES" CARRIES ARTICLE ON US-MEXICO TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN IN WASHINGTON, DC JUNE 12. ARTICLE IS BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH GUILLERMO RAMOS URIARTE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-STRUCTURIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COTTON TEXTILE INDUSTRY (RAMOS ALSO SERVED AS INDUSTRY ADVISOR TO GOM TEXTILE DELEGATION DURING APRIL MEXICO CITY BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS).

2. REFERRING TO APRIL NEGOTIATIONS, ARTICLE MENTIONS THAT US PROPOSED A FIVE YEAR RENEWAL OF THE BILATERAL, WHILE MEXICO DESIRED A FOUR YEAR RENEWAL, TO COINCIDE WITH THE TERMINATION OF THE MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT. ARTICLE ALSO GOES INTO QUESTION OF STARTING AGGRAGATE LEVEL UNDER A NEW BILATERAL, NOTING THAT LEVEL FOR FINAL YEAR OF CURRENT AGREEMENT IS 355 MILLION SQUARE YARDS (SYE) AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT NEW BILATERAL WOULD BEGIN AT AT LEAST THE 355 MILLION SYE LEVEL. (ARTICLE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, MENTION REAR END LOADING FEATURE OF CURRENT AGREEMENT; NOR IS
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NOMINAL 295 MILLION SYE THIRD YEAR LEVEL MENTIONED.)

3. ARTICLE ALSO INDIRECTLY ADDRESSES OVERHANG ISSUE, NOTING THAT DURING THIRD YEAR OF CURRENT AGREEMENT MEXICO EXPORTED TOTAL OF 275 MILLION SYE, OR JUST OVER 77 PERCENT OF 355 MILLION SYE LEVEL. IT BROKE DOWN MEXICAN EXPORTS AS FOLLOWS: YARNS AND THREADS, 85 MILLION SYE; FABRICS,

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50 MILLION SYE; AND APPAREL AND MADE-UPS, 140 MILLION SYE. ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED MEXICAN SHORTFALL TO QUOTE WEAK US MARKET UNQUOTE, AND IMPLIED THAT BUT FOR THIS FACTOR MEXICO HAD CHANCE OF MEETING 355 MILLION SYE LEVEL, HENCE MEXICAN DESIRE THAT NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT BEGIN AT THE 355 MILLION SYE LEVEL.

4. IN CONCLUDING, ARTICLE STATED THAT ABEL GARRIDO WOULD HEAD GOM DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT RAFAEL NEY LIZARDI (SUB-DIRECTOR FOR TEXTILES IN PATRIMONY) WOULD ALSO BE ON DELEGATION. IN ADDITION, ARTICLE STATED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF MEXICAN COTTON AND SYNTHETIC TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, AS WELL AS REPS OF MAQUILADORA (IN-BOND ASSEMBLY) INDUSTRY, WOULD ALSO BE IN WASHINGTON AS INDUSTRY ADVISORS TO GOM DELEGATION.

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